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FRENCH ISLANDERS ANGRY.

People Leaving St. Pierre, Fearing Destitution.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says: Intense bitterness prevails at St. Pierre and Miquelon over the prospect of the ratification of the French shore treaty, coupled with the depression consequent on the failure of the fisheries. Official statistics show that the exports of fish from St. Pierre for the nine months ending September, 1902, were 22,581 tons. For the same period of 1904 the exports were 4,066 tons. Scores of people are emigrating from St. Pierre, fearing destitution during the coming winter.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 12,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Onward, Matineus, 1200 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Appomattox, shore.
Sch. Fanny E. Prescott, via Botson.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, via Boston.
Sch. Nelson Y. McFarland, via Boston.
Sch. Preceptor, via Boston.
Sch. Tacoma, Quero Bank.

Today's Fish Market.

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Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snap per codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.00 per cwt. for large and \$4.00 for mediums.

Rips cod, \$4.37 1-2 for large and \$3.40 for medium.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Round pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.

Fresh torched herring for bait, \$2.50 per bbl.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. per lb. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.

Haddock, \$3; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1 to \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Faustina, Arbitrator and Ralph L. Hall were at Louisburg, C. B., last Monday.

Shore Fishing Improving.

Better catches of fish were made yesterday by the local fishermen. Messrs. Joseph Woodbury and Samuel Lucas brought in 290 pounds of large cod, besides some small cod. Bait was also more plentiful yesterday.

Big Stock.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. William H. Thomas, stocked \$1800 on her recent haddocking trip. Capt. Thomas is high line of the winter haddock fleet to date.

Trade continues fair for this season of the year. Receipts, excepting salt herring, are light.

Prices have not changed materially, excepting fresh halibut which has advanced two cents per pound and salt Georges handline cod, which have sold this week at an advance of 50 cents per hundred weight ex vessel.

Several more of the Newfoundland salt herring fleet yet remain to arrive. The big dealers have now caught up with their orders for smoked bloaters but at present it is thought that there will not be any too many salt herring to fill the demand.

The first cargo of frozen herring has arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., and the fish are being rapidly shipped. The cargo was in splendid shape.

The receipts at this port for the week ending Dec. 10 are
121,000 lbs. salt cod.
25,000 lbs. fresh cod.
96,000 lbs. hake.
16,000 lbs. cusk.
9000 lbs. haddock.
2100 qtls. cured fish.
1000 bbls. frozen herring.
5930 bbls. salt herring.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Board of Trade Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	4.90	5.50
Medium Georges cod (handline)	4.00	4.50
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.25	4.75
Medium Georges cod (trawl)	3.25	4.00
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable		
Medium do.		
Large trawl bank cod	4.00	4.75
Medium trawl bank cod	3.50	4.25
Large dory handline cod		4.75
Medium do.		4.25

Fresh Fish from Vessel.

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.15	2.45
Medium do.	1.75	2.00
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.15	2.45
Medium do.	1.75	2.00
Cusk	1.50	2.00
Eastern Haddock	1.00	1.15
Western Haddock	1.15	1.20
Eastern Hake	.90	1.00
Western hake,	.95	1.00
Pollock,	.70	.70

Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 6 1-2 cts. per lb.
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts. per bucket.
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 14 cts. per lb.
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 10 cts. per lb.
Georges halibut, 14 cts. and 10 cts. per lb. for white and gray.
Salt mackerel, \$18.25 per bbl.
Round pollock, \$.80 per cwt.
Large shore herring, \$3.50 per bbl.
Dory handline salt bank cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for mediums.
Torch herring \$3.00 per bbl.
Newfoundland salt herring \$3.50 per bbl.

Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod	\$7.50 to 8.00 per qtl.
Cured Medium Georges cod	6.50
Cured large Bank cod	5.75 to 6.00
Cured Medium Bank cod	5.50
Kench cured large Bank cod	6.50
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.00
Cured large shore cod	6.50
Cured medium shore cod	5.75
Cured cusk	5.00
Cured hake	2.25
Cured haddock	4.00
Heavy salted pollock	2.75
English cured pollock	3.75
Large handline bank	6.25
Medium handline bank	5.75

Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$18	per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	20	per bbl.
Shore bloaters	22	per bbl.
Nova Sootias	13.50	per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	15	per bbl.
Norway bloaters	34	per bbl.
Norway 1s	27	per bbl.
Norway 2s	19	per bbl.

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HERRING NEWS.

The Weather Still Mild at the Bay of Islands.

Large Fleet at Boothbay for Frozen Herring.

The weather still continues mild at Bay of Islands, N. F., according to dispatches received from there yesterday.

The cargo of frozen herring of the schooner Golden-Rod, which are being taken out here and quickly shipped to market, are coming out in fine shape, the fish being well frozen and very bright.

At St. John's and Cape Race, N. F., on Thursday, the thermometer stood at 40 above zero and a heavy southeast gale and rain storm was raging.

Quite a fleet of vessels and small boats have gone to Boothbay and also the Maine coast, where herring have been reported plentiful, for frozen cargoes. Among the fleet are schs. Alice S. Hawkes, Lady Antrim, Robin Hood and Lillian and a number of smaller craft.

The large amount of ice in Ipswich river has put an end to securing herring for freezing there. Capt. Rufus McKay who has secured about half a cargo there will either bring his vessel here to market his catch or go to the Maine coast to complete loading.

Sch. Addie M. Story has gone to the Maine coast for a load of frozen herring.

WHALE PLAYS DEAD.

Remains Quiet Until Amateur Whaler Boards Him and Then Goes Down.

A party of men from Hartford, who have been spending a few weeks at Griswold's on the sound shore after large fish, returned recently with the hide of a whale and the story of an adventure that befell them when the whale was captured.

Will L. Willard is the hero, having stood upon a live whale's back, and his story is credited, because Rev. Karl Reiland of the Episcopal church at Wethersfield, one of Hartford's suburbs, says he saw him do it and helped to rescue Mr. Willard.

As the fishermen who had been living in tents on the shore arose for breakfast, a small whale spouted about a mile off shore. Mr. Willard, Mr. Reiland and the three Standish brothers, also of Wethersfield, put out in a row boat, armed with harpoons and a heavy revolver.

When they had approached the mammal Mr. Willard, who had the revolver, fired several shots. The wounded whale thrashed about wildly, but did not upset the boat. Finally it lay motionless on the water. Thinking that it was dead, the fishermen rowed alongside and Mr. Willard stepped on the fish's back to plant a harpoon for securing the carcass. A moment after he had stepped on the whale it suddenly sank like lead, and Mr. Willard was carried down by the suction.

When he came to the surface he was exhausted and would have drowned had not the boat been near. Meanwhile other boats had put from the camp and the whale was again attacked and finally brought ashore dead. The carcass was skinned and the hide was brought home as a proof of the adventure.—Hartford, Conn., Correspondence in New Bedford Mercury.

CAPT. J. W. COLLINS DEAD.

Passed Away Suddenly at Brookline This Forenoon.

Won International Repute as a Fish Culturist.

Capt. Joseph W. Collins, chairman of the Massachusetts fish and game commission, died at his home in Brookline at 11 o'clock this forenoon. His death was sudden, as he had been in his usual health up to the present time. Following out his usual custom, Capt. Collins has remained at home the past few weeks, preparing his annual report of the fish and game commission.

Captain Collins was born on August 8, 1839, at Islesboro, Waldo county, Me., his 10th birthday was spent at sea on board a fishing schooner. His primary education was obtained at a small country school, which he attended in winter. Later, he improved himself in mathematics and the higher branches of study, on shipboard. While yet in his teens he was appointed to the command of a fishing vessel, and for many years commanded some of the finest schooners from this port, most of the time being at sea the entire year.

His scientific watching of the habits of fish attracting the attention of Prof. Baird of the Smithsonian Institution, in 1879 he became connected with the United States fish commission, and entered upon the work of making a statistical inquiry into the fisheries of New England for the Tenth Census, under the auspices of the U. S. Fish Commission. In the spring of 1880 he was sent by this government to the International Fisheries Exposition at Berlin, on the staff of the U. S. commissioner.

After returning from Europe Capt. Collins resumed the inquiry previously engaged upon, but in December, 1880, was ordered to Washington, where he took up the work of preparing reports relating to the fisheries of the country which were published in "The Fisheries and Fishery Industries of the United States." He rapidly gained distinction as a writer in this line, and also exhibited great facility in preparing illustrations of fishing craft and fishing scenes, the details of which were thoroughly familiar to him.

In 1883 he was one of the commission sent by the United States to represent this country and to make a display of its fisheries and fishery resources at the great International Fisheries Exposition, held at London in that year and it was largely due to his superior knowledge and familiarity with the fisheries of this country that so much credit was accorded to the United States on that occasion. So impressed were the British with his ability that London Fairplay said of him: "Such is the man our American cousins have sent as representative, his only recommendation being that he is thoroughly fitted for the work he has to do."

He conceived the idea while abroad of a new design for fishing vessels, and agitated the matter thoroughly in the press of New England. In 1886 he was given the opportunity by Prof. S. F. Baird, then United States commissioner of fisheries, to put his ideas into practical use. The result was the schooner Grampus of the commission, the pioneer of the new type, now generally followed.

In 1890 President Harrison appointed him to represent the bureau of fish and fisheries on the government board of management and control at the World's Columbian exposition at Chicago. In 1898 President McKinley appointed him to prepare the exhibit of this country and represent the United States at the international exhibition in Bergen, Norway.

He has made many cruises of investigation on the vessels of the Fish Commission, the results of which have appeared in numerous papers, printed in the Reports and Bulletins of the Commission. He was in command of the schooner Grampus, for two years from 1886 to 1888. In 1897, while on a cruise of observation to Newfoundland, Labrador and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, he obtained a large collection of the remains of the Great Auk (*Platanus impennis*); more bones of this extinct species being procured than were previously possessed by all the museums of the world. In the winter of 1887-88 he was called to Washington for consultation by the special international commission, which was then negotiating the fishery treaty with Canada, and was of much assistance to the American commissioners.

In 1888, was appointed in charge of the Division of Fisheries of the U. S. Fish Commission. In the same year was in charge of the Fish Commission's exhibit at Cincinnati. In 1884 Capt. Collins organized the Section of Naval Architecture in the U. S. National Museum, since which date he has been Honorary Curator of it. The collection of models, pictures, photographs, etc., has been brought together by him. A large percentage of the models, including those of the Mayflower of the Pilgrims, and Capt. John Smith's ship Sally Constant, were constructed under his personal supervision, and some are from his own designs.

In 1893 was appointed curator of the Section of Fisheries. For a short time in 1889 was special agent of the Eleventh Census, in charge of the section of Fisheries, but, on account of the pressure of other duties, resigned that position. In 1890 was appointed by President Harrison as the representative of the Fish Commission on the Government Board of Management and Control at the World's Columbian Exposition, but after completing the preparation of the Commission's exhibit, which was installed in the Government Building, he resigned this position and his connection with the Fish Commission in December, 1892.

In 1898 Capt. Collins was appointed commissioner to the international fisheries exhibition at Bergen, Norway, and in the course of his investigations at that time he visited all of the countries of Europe, as well as Japan, and made a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the methods and paraphernalia of the fishermen of each country, most of the information thus gleaned being contained in a report containing about 450 pages, 380 illustrations, 311 text figures and 69 plates, including among the text figures many drawings of his own, made from the models of fishing craft, and in the illustrations are included photographs of all styles of fishing vessels, from the pram of Japan to the finely modelled auxiliary steam fishermen of this country.

In 1900 Capt. Collins received the appointment of chairman of the Massachusetts fish and game commission, and as the result of his experience with the United States fish commission he raised the department to a high plane, as shown by the efficiency and standing of the department at the present time. At the time of his appointment the work of the commission was principally confined to the stocking of inland waters with trout and other game fish, but under his direction its scope was increased to include the gathering of statistics and data regarding the salt water fisheries, giving the department a recognized standing among fish-culturists.

Capt. Collins has been a prolific writer on matters relating to the commercial fisheries, and may appropriately be styled the historian of American fisheries. In addition to the various papers and reports which he has published under the auspices of the government, he was a frequent contributor to newspapers and magazines, and was one of the contributors to the Century Dictionary. In 1893 he assumed editorial charge of the Fishing Gazette for several months and contributed many articles to its columns, even during the progress of the World's Fair, when other duties practically absorbed his entire time. He was the author of many notable books and papers, among them "The Fisheries and Fish Industry of the United States," "Report of the Fishing Grounds of the Gulf of Mexico," and "The Beam Trawl Fishery of Great Britain," in addition to the work previously mentioned.

The intimate knowledge of the fisheries and their needs Capt. Collins possessed has made it possible for him to offer many important suggestions for their improvement,—suggestions which have been adopted to the great profit of those industries. The marked change in recent years in the fishing vessels of New England, whereby their speed and sea-going qualities have been materially enhanced, and the winter fisheries divested of much of the horror that formerly characterized them, are due to his efforts.

The profitable halibut fishery at Iceland; the suggestion of a practical device for protecting the oyster beds of Long Island Sound from the depredations of star-fishes; the establishment of a profitable ocean fishery at Tampa, Florida; and many important improvements in the Pacific coast fisheries are due to the publications and personal explanations of Capt. Collins in recent years, the value of which is shown by the result. He was the one practical man in the United States Fish Commission whose training and experience enabled him to materially advance the commercial fishing interests by the advancement of ideas based on study and observation rather than on theory.

Capt. Collins was twice married, his first wife being Miss Pauline Coombs, who died at Laurel, Md., Oct. 25, 1894. His second wife being Mrs. Sarah Atkins, whom he married at Laurel, Md., about eight years ago. He had two sons and three daughters by his first wife. One of the sons, Raymond, is superintendent of the state fish hatchery at South Hadley, and the other son, Albert, has been an invalid since his infancy. The daughters are Mrs. Anthony Hall of Washington, D. C., and Miss Nettie Collins, who is private secretary to Edward P. Shaw, Jr., manager of the Boston and Worcester Street Railway Company, and Miss Nettie Collins.

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Sch. Corona, Quero Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Arbutus, Quero Bank, 6000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, 30,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Belle Franklin, Ipswich, 400 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.
Sch. Veteran, shore.
Sch. Reliance, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

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